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Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin alerts you, owners and operatos of **Rolladen-Schneider model LS4-b sailplanes**, that the manufacturer has issued Technical Bulletin numbers 4046 and 4047, to address a safety concern. These bulletins identify updates to the Flight and Maintenance manuals, procedures to increase the weight of non-lifting parts, and an inspection sequence to increase the sailplane service life.

Background

The German Airworthiness Authority, has issued Airworthiness Directive D-2004-001, which requires implementation of the abovementioned technical notes for owners in Germany. The LS4-b is not type certificated in the US and therefore does not meet the criteria for mandatory action. We are providing this information as a courtesy to our owners of these sailplanes.

Recommendation

We recommend that you do the actions of the stated technical notes upon receipt of this bulletin.

Technical Notes May Be Obtained From

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